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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1957.

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the district during the year ended 31st December, 1957. I am pleased to be able to draw attention to the absence of any serious cases of infectious disease within the urban area during the year. Out of the 113 cases notified 108 were of measles, 2 of whooping cough, 1 of puerperal pyrexia, and 2 were very mild cases of food poisoning.

It is worth recording how the incidence of tuberculosis has declined. During the years 1955 and 1956 only one new case was notified in each of those years whilst during the year under review not a single case was notified. This is the first year since the urban district was formed in 1936 that no case of tuberculosis has been notified.

I desire to express to the Members of the Council, to Mr. McLane your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and to the Clerk and other Members of the Staff, my sincere thanks for their help and consideration.

Statistics and Social Conditions in the Area.

Total Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	-	3,487.
Estimated population (mid 1957)	-	5,290.
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1957	-	1,917.
Sum represented by a penny rate	-	£203.
Rateable Value	-	£53,653.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1957.

	M.	F.	Total.	
Live Births - Total	25.	28.	53.	
Live Births, Legitimate	25.	27.	52.	
" " Illegitimate	-	1.	1.	
Still " Legitimate	1.	1.	2.	
" " Illegitimate	-	-	Nil.	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population				- 10.02.
" " " " " " " "				
(In England & Wales)				- 16.1.
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (total live & still births)				- 18.2.
Death Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population				- 13.2.
" " " " " " (In England & Wales)				- 11.5.
Deaths from Puerperal Causes.				- Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.	M.	F.		
Legitimate -	0.	2.		
Illegitimate -	0.	0.		
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age -	0.	2.		
Death Rate - all Infants per 1000 live births				- 37.7
" " " " " " " "				
(In England & Wales)				- 23.0
Legitimate Infants per 1000 Legitimate live births.				- 38.4
Illegitimate infants per 1000 Illegitimate live births				- - -

	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	5.	7.	12.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.	0.	0.

The chief occupations of the district are cotton weaving, cotton bleaching and calico printing. These occupations have no pernicious effect on the health of the employees and the district as a whole maintained a good standard of health. There has been very little unemployment in the area during the year.



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Causes of death are classified as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis	0.	0.	0.
Syphilitic Disease	1.	0.	1.
Diphtheria	0.	0.	0.
Whooping Cough	0.	0.	0.
Measles	0.	0.	0.
Acute Poliomyelitis	0.	0.	0.
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	0.	1.	1.
" " Lung, Bronchus	4.	0.	0.
" " Breast	0.	1.	1.
" " Uterus	0.	1.	1.
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	1.	4.	5.
Diabetes	0.	1.	1.
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	0.	1.	1.
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	5.	11.	16.
Coronary Disease, Angina	8.	0.	8.
Hypertension with Heart Disease	0.	1.	1.
Other Heart Disease	4.	5.	9.
Other Circulatory Disease	0.	2.	2.
Influenza	1.	0.	1.
Pneumonia	0.	1.	1.
Bronchitis	4.	0.	4.
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	0.	0.	0.
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1.	0.	1.
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	0.	0.	0.
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1.	1.	2.
Hyperplasia of Prostrate	0.	0.	0.
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	0.	0.	0.
Other defined and Ill-defined diseases	1.	5.	6.
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1.	0.	1.
All other Accidents	0.	0.	0.
Suicide	3.	0.	3.
Total	35.	35.	70.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Inspections throughout the area under the various Acts appertaining to Public Health were regularly carried out and any appropriate action taken when necessary.

Water Supply.

Stockport Corporation are the water undertakers for an area of 314 acres at the northern part of Furness Vale. This area is supplied with water from the Stockport Corporation's Kinder Reservoir. The water supply for the remainder of the district is derived from springs the yields from which are collected into service reservoirs in various parts of the district, namely, Diglee, Foxhome, Stoneheads, Taxal, and Leehead. These Service reservoirs were emptied and cleaned out during the year.

The Council also take some water in bulk from the Stockport Corporation Goyt Reservoir through a connection from their 30" main at Horwich End. During the year under review the Council took 20,873,000 gallons of water from this source. Adequate and constant supplies of water were maintained to all properties throughout the year and no serious maintenance problems were encountered.

No extension of mains was undertaken during the year under review.

During the year samples of water were taken at various reservoirs and points of delivery into houses, and the bacteriological analyses carried out on such samples showed the water to be satisfactory.

The number of houses supplied with water from the Council's mains was 1735 whilst 163 houses in the northern part of the district were supplied direct by Stockport Corporation from their 4" main from Kinder Reservoir.

Owing to the fact that the Council's small and scattered reserves make it increasingly difficult to maintain at all times to all properties a constant and satisfactory water supply I am very pleased that the Council has now decided to enquire as to whether Stockport Corporation would agree on suitable terms to supply the whole of the Whaley Bridge Urban Area from their mains which already run through the district.

Only nineteen houses in the area have a private water supply and this total is mainly composed of isolated farm houses.

All houses using the Council's water have a piped supply laid on to the premises.

Meat Inspection.

Slaughtering has been carried out within the area at three private slaughterhouses which were licenced by the Council. Post-Mortem inspections were carried out and details are here appended.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed	227.	35.	12.	776.	44.	-
Number inspected	227.	35.	12.	776.	44.	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3.			12.		
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	1.3%			1.5%		
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned	6.					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	30.	11.			1.	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	15.8%	31.4%			2.3%	
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned						
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration						
Generalised and totally condemned.						

Housing.

During the year the last 6 Temporary Bungalows were removed from the Park Road housing site. All services are left available for the future development of this site with permanent houses.

The Reddish Avenue housing development scheme was completed by the erection and occupation of the last 21 houses.

Up to December, 1957 the Council had erected 216 houses and 14 bungalows during the post-war years.

Sewerage.

The sewerage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewerage disposal works at Furness Vale, the treatment being carried out under the control of the Whaley Bridge Joint Sewerage Board.

The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing, rodding and repairs being carried out when necessary. Practically the whole of the district is sewered, excepting Fernilee and Cadster Areas. Ten per cent (10%) test-baiting of sewer manholes in the district was again carried out to ascertain the extent of rat infestation, and only two areas of minor infestations were noted. No extensions to sewers were carried out during the year.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

The Council carried out the collection of refuse by direct labour with a modern refuse collection vehicle and a regular service was satisfactorily maintained.

The refuse was tipped on the Council's refuse tip at Fernilee.

Rag Flock Act.

There are no premises in the area where rag flock is manufactured, used or sold.

Factories Act.

Periodical inspections of premises coming within the jurisdiction of this act have shown sanitary conditions to be generally satisfactory. Very good progress was made in the sustained efforts to further reduce the emission of dark smoke, and grit from factory chimneys in the area.

Infectious and Other Diseases.

Details of Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) are as follows:-

Notifiable Diseases.	Total all ages.	0 - 1	1 - 3	3 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 15	15 - 20	20 - 35	35 - 45	45 - 60	60 Over.	Hosp. Cases	Deaths.
Smallpox	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrxia	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases generally notifiable	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	108.	1	12	27	62	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	2.	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Myelitis	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	2.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases notifiable locally	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	113.	1	13	28	62	5	1	1	2	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis - New Cases and Mortality, 1957.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 - Over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. COCHRANE.

Medical Officer of Health.

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st December, 1957.

To the Chairman & Members of the
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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during the year ended 31st December, 1957.

Housing:

Number of houses in district at 31st December, 1956	-	1902
New houses erected during year by :-		
(a) Local Authority	-	20
(b) Private Enterprise	-	1
		1923
Number of houses demolished or closed during 1957	-	6
Number of houses capable of occupation	-	1917
Number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	-	114
Number of dwellinghouses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation	-	31
Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	-	Nil
Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of action by local authority (formal or informal)	-	31
Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	-	Nil
Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	-	Nil
Number of dwellings in respect of which undertakings were accepted	-	Nil
Number of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made	-	Nil

Closet Accommodation in the Area.

Houses with pail closet accommodation	-	29
Houses with privy accommodation	-	9
Houses with W.C. closet accommodation	-	1885

Sanitary Inspections.

Number of inspections made under Public Health, Housing Acts, etc.	-	991
Defects or Nuisances:-		
Number discovered	-	314
Number abated with or without Notice	-	306
Number of Notices served:-		
Informal Notices	-	74
Statutory Notices	-	2
Legal Proceedings	-	Nil

Details of Inspections:-	Inspections.	Nuisances abated.
Defective Closet Accommodation	61.	24.
Defective Ashbins or Ashpits	58.	17.
Drainage Defects	141.	108.
Housing Repairs	114.	31.
Offensive Accumulations	10.	1.
Urinals.	28.	-.
Flooding of Cellars	17.	4.
Animals improperly kept	9.	1.
Water Supply	143.	54.
Bakehouses	10.	-.
Factories & Workshops	62.	2.
Shops & Food Premises	54.	-.
Rodent Control	146.	43.
Other Inspections	138.	21.

Drainage.

Number of houses in district connected to sewers - 1741.
Number of houses in district not connected to sewers- 176.
Number of connections made during year - 20.

Food Inspection.

During the year the following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

19 tins Tomatoes.
26 tins Pears.
18 tins Peaches.
5 tins Pineapples.
9 tins Apricots.
4 tins Cherries.
4 tins Salmon.
7 tins Corned Beef.
5 tins Pork Luncheon Meat.
1 tin Beans and Sausage.
17 tins Beans.
16 tins Peas.
4 tins Stewed Steak.
2 tins Chopped Pork.
12 tins Soup.
17 tins Evaporated Milk.
2 tins Ox Tongues.
1 tin Macaroni and Cheese.
14 lbs. Kippers.

Water Statistics.

Details of the Council's water service reservoirs are as follows:-

	Storage.
Leahead Reservoir	1,250,000 gallons.
Taxal "	20,000 "
Diglee "	247,000 "
Foxholme "	100,000 "
Stoneheads "	200,000 "
	1,817,000 "

	Estimated population involved.	
Number of houses in district connected to mains	1898.	5234.
Number of houses supplied from standpipes on mains	Nil.	Nil.
Number of houses not supplied from standpipes or mains	19.	56.
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